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Subject: RE: LUB GWMA: Follow-up Meeting

Thanks. I'm going to educate myself on the State program and authority they have (the underpinning State law, scope, etc.) to inform deep questions.

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I think the information largely recaps what Adam learned, with the addition of reference to health provider bulletins. The specific question remains:

Does OHA or other state agency see the need for a more comprehensive monitoring/tracking program to identify the universe of wells exceeding 10 ppm and develop a written response plan, including whether wells over 10 ppm have treatment.

Thanks,

Peter



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Peter,

Thank you. She did send a lot of good information, which should inform our inquiry and I'll acknowledge. Has anyone in ECAD already made it's way through everything she sent? I will certainly read up on their program in developing questions.

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Mat – I recommend acknowledging the information Gabriella forwarded via email on 3/19 following our last call, and whether we want Dave Emme on the call for PWS.

From Gabriela's 3/19 email:

In case it is helpful – and perhaps obviates the need for a call – here is information we can provide regarding domestic wells. We are pretty consumed with coronavirus response activities around here. I'll defer to my counterpart who manages our public water system regulatory program Dave Emme, copied, if you have questions on that front.

Thanks,

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Jeff, Peter, Clarke and Nick,

Here's the outreach email I intend to use in case you wish to do something similar. I'll send at the end of today, if you wish to weigh in on my content.

Mat

Greetings Gabriela:

As a matter of introduction, I am a Branch Chief at Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, and I'm involved with the inquiry related to nitrate impacts in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUB GWMA). I understand from the March 18 meeting that you are the point of contact for our follow-up meeting with Oregon Health Authority (OHA). I'd like to set up an hour discussion with you. From our perspective, you are welcome to include others from the State.

EPA participation will include:

- Mat Martinson, Branch Chief, Permits, Drinking Water and Infrastructure Branch, Water Division
- Jeff Kenknight, Branch Chief, Water Enforcement and Field Branch, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
- Peter Contreras, Section Chief, Field, Data & Drinking Water Enforcement Section, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
- Clarke Thurmon, Assistant Regional Counsel

The scope of our further inquiry will be focused on domestic wells used for drinking water. We do have an understanding of OHA's role as the primacy agency for the Safe Drinking Water Act. We acknowledge that we might not be aware of State programs and specific environmental health initiatives in the Groundwater Management Areas. To the extent such programs or initiatives mitigate or address the public health risk posed by nitrates, we will be interested in learning more.

Please let me know whether either of the following would work for you and your team:

- 1) Monday, April 13th (1:00 pm – 2:00 pm),
- 2) Tuesday, April 14th (2:00 pm – 3:00 pm).

Once we finalize a time, I'll send a phone call-in number.

Best Regards,



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